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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS MET WITH THE LOCAL AMBASSADORS OF THE ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES (AAC'S) ON NOVEMBER 21 AND NOVEMBER 23 IN WHAT WAS BILLED AS THE "REAL" OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AND ENLARGED ASSOCIATION TO REPLACE THE PRESENT YAOUNDE CONVENTION. IN THESE INITIAL SESSIONS THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED AAC ACCESS TO THE EC MARKET AND TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION. THE STATEMENTS MADE APPEAR TO HAVE ADDED LITTLE TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE. THE AAC'S CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A UNIFIED POSITION (EC BRUSSELS 6805). THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCAL TRADE CONCESSIONS FROM THE AAC'S WAS NOT RAISED. THE AAC SPOKESMAN REPEATED A PREVIOUS DEMAND THAT THERE BE NO LINK BETWEEN FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE FORM OF RELATIONSHIP WHICH INDIVIDUAL AAC'S CHOOSE TO DEVELOP WITH THE COMMUNITY.

2. THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AT A VERY LEISURELY PACE. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SANU, CURRENT SPOKESMAN FOR THE AAC'S, ASKED THAT THE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS -- AT WORKING PARTY LEVEL -- BE PUT OFF AT LEAST UNTIL THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 WHILE THE AAC'S CONTINUE TO WORK ON THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION. SANU ASKED THAT TH COMMUNITY NOT TRY TO HURRY THE NEGOTIATIONS -- NOTING THAT IT IS A SLOW AND TEDIOUS BUSINESS FOR FORTY-ODD COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT COMMON POSITIONS AND THAT FORCING A FAHSTER PACE AT THIS POINT WOULD ONLY INCREASE THE PROBLEM.

3. WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS RESUME IN DECEMBER, A LIMITED NUMBER OF WORKING PARTIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATED TO RULES OF ORIGIN, TREATMENT OF CAP PRODUCTS, NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, SPECIAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS AND VARIOUS QUESTIONS
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RELATED TO TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION.

4. A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER 21 AND 23 MEETING IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM.

5. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE TO ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES NOT LISTED AS ADDRESSEES ON THIS MESSAGE. GREENWALD

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